

Growth Management Oversight Commission

January 12, 2006
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Conference Rooms 2 & 3
Civic Center Building

MINUTES

GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT: Tripp Krogh
Spethman Palma
Garcia Waters
Arroyo

GMOC MEMBERS ABSENT: Moya; Little

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Stephens,
Growth Mgmt Coordinator
Ed Batchelder, Advance Plng Manager
Frank Rivera, Principal Civil Engineer
Ed Chew, PD Admin. Svcs. Manager
Karin Schmerler, PD Analyst
Ben Guerrero, Eng. Technician
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: T. Acerro, E. Jentz

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Spethman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The Secretary called the roll.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chairman invited comments on the minutes of the meeting of 11/17/05. After some discussion, the Chairman instructed that the minutes reflect that the City Manager's comment on page 3 should be changed (based on Staff's recommendation) to read "the SR-125 would be completed in the latter part of 2006". The Chairman moved that the minutes of 11/17/05 be approved, seconded by Commissioner Tripp; Commissioner Krogh voted no (because of his opinions regarding a meeting referenced under item #7, page 6); Commissioner Garcia abstained. The minutes were approved as corrected.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Theresa Acerro addressed the Commission, suggesting that the GMOC Report needs another threshold, "Jobs/Housing Balance". She

distributed material including statistics and excerpts from publications. The Chairman thanked her for this information.

4. REVIEW OF QUESTIONNAIRES

The Chairman asked the indulgence of the Commission to review the questionnaire from the Police Department as staff members from that department were present to answer any questions from the Commissioners.

Police

Ed Chew and Karin Schmerler participated in discussions on different issues covered in the questionnaire. Mr. Chew mentioned the various reasons for the department not being able to have a full quota of on-duty hires. Mr. Chew stated that the objective is to run the patrol/staffing model every year and make sure that the staffing ratio is up to the volume of calls. The ideal plan for the department is to have an officer do 1 hour of community proactive service for every hour of reactive patrol on the streets.

Commissioner Tripp suggested that Staff organize a workshop or similar forum to instruct the GMOC on how the Council appropriates funds to address issues raised by this Commission. The GMOC shouldn't get involved in managing the budget, but needs to understand the implications of their recommendations. Ed Batchelder suggested that the GMOC could use this preliminary review to ask the departments to focus on the reasons why they are not meeting the thresholds in specific areas of the questionnaire, and invite their recommendations to solve any problems or deficiencies. They could explain how department requests correlate with meeting thresholds. The commissioners also posed questions about use of jail facilities, other possible measures, false alarms and the police survey.

The Chairman thanked the Police Department staff for their input.

Air Quality

Chairman Spethman indicated that he would like to get through as many of the questionnaires as possible. The Commission next reviewed the Air Quality questionnaires from the APCD and the City's Planning & Building Dept. There were no major issues raised. The Chairman asked when the Power Plant would be replaced.

Sewer

On the Sewer questionnaire, a question on the use of recycled water was asked. Ed Batchelder summarized the types of projects where recycled water is used. Mark Stephens pointed out that the Otay Water District Questionnaire has extensive information on recycled water use.

Commissioner Krogh referred to page 6, #13 and asked what the specific needs were for the projects listed. The Chairman asked staff to come back with that information.

Drainage

The Drainage questionnaire was addressed next. Commissioner Krogh asked if any progress was made on maintenance agreements with county and environmental organizations for the flood channels, to avoid a recurrence of the flooding, which occurred last year. Ed stated that staff would investigate and return with update on the agreements. The Chairman asked staff to inform the Commission on the status of the Drainage Master Plan, if it has been completed and what is required from the County to get it done.

On item #10, the Chairman asked for updated information. Also on item #16, several of the Commissioners requested the list on priorities for CMP replacement, and the Chairman additionally asked staff to invite someone from Engineering Department to present a report to this commission.

Water

The group had no issues to address on the Otay Water District's questionnaire.

At this time the Chairman asked the Commissioners if they would like to continue to review additional questionnaires and received a dissenting response.

5. OTHER ITEMS

There were none at this time.

6. NEXT MEETING

Scheduled for January, 26th at the same venue.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman moved for adjournment (seconded by Commissioner Palma) and the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Rabbia Phillip
Secretary

Mark Stephens
Growth Management Coordinator